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25X1 14. [] Jeff Diamond, in the office of Senator Harrison A. Williams (D., N.J.), called to ask for information on Agency expenditures in Indochina. I told him that in accordance with policies laid down by our oversight Subcommittees, we were not free to release this information to other than members of our Subcommittees.

25X1 15. [] Donald Mowat, of San Diego, California, called as a follow up to my meeting with him and his partner, Mr. P. F. Tilden, who had been referred to us by Representative Bob Wilson (see Journal of 16 June 1971). Mr. Mowat said he had been in touch with Secretary of the Navy John Chafee about his project (getting Federal support for a new type high-performance tuna trawler of possible intelligence value). He asked me what I could do to push things along with Chafee. I told him only that I would look into it.

25X1 16. [] former Agency staffer now in the Foreign Service, called to say he and Marshall Green had been in touch with Representative James Scheuer (D., N.Y.) who was interested in the Agency's role regarding drug traffic. I suggested that [] refer him to a recent item placed in the Congressional Record by Representative Charles Gubser, including a letter from Mr. Ingersoll praising the Agency's assistance to the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. 25X1

25X1 17. [] Talked to Senator Henry M. Jackson who said he was "on the run" these days and hadn't had time to read all the press stories about the classified material regarding Vietnam which is now being surfaced. However, he said he wanted to be sure he was aware of anything in this material that was of concern to the Agency, and he asked that we notify him promptly if we noted anything of this kind.

25X1 18. [] Met with Representative Morris Udall (D., Ariz.) to whom I explained the reasons for our request for a complete exemption under the Ervin bill insuring the right of privacy of Federal employees. Udall professed to be understanding and sympathetic but said he found it very difficult to believe there was nothing short of a complete exemption to serve our purposes. In response to his questions I explained why limited exemptions, such as a ceiling on the number of employees who should be exempt from the application of the bill, was not feasible. Udall concluded our conversation by saying that if there was no other solution he might have to vote for a complete exemption but would certainly be reluctant to do so.

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1. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that in a meeting yesterday with representatives of OMB and Senate Appropriations Committee staff, the technical language was worked out for insertion in the continuing resolution for specific coverage of RFE and RL. However, the language was not inserted in the draft resolution since the OMB representatives indicated that final determination had not been made as to the method of funding desired by the Executive Branch. Mr. Preston noted that the technical problem of language for inclusion in the resolution is relatively simple. The problem lies in the backup material for use in supporting the resolution. Mr. Warner, OGC, has been advised.

In response to his request of yesterday, I told Mr. Preston that we would supply the Director's outline notes on the budget presentation. Mr. Preston again noted that he had not requested our prepared statement on prior briefings but that the pressures on the Chairman are such now that he needs to move over into the same format with us that has been used through the years with the Department of Defense and the military departments. He noted that if charts are to be used with the statement, a copy should be set forth opposite the appropriate page of the statement.

Mr. Preston told me he has not had time to review the draft letter to Mr. Dulski and the correspondence of last year with Chairman Henderson concerning the Ervin bill. I told him the pressure is off at the moment but would appreciate it if he could look at them in the next week or so.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the following items: Soviet airborne command post; military exercise "Yug;" and oceanographic research ships in the Caribbean.

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2. [] On the Director's instructions, I called the office of Senator William Proxmire who had been trying to get in touch with the Director. His secretary said he wanted to talk to the Director personally. I explained that the Director was not available and would be out of town until the 6th of July, but the Director had asked me to handle the matter in which the Senator was interested, and that I thought I knew what this matter was. After consulting the Senator, his secretary told me he would wait until the Director's return and talk personally with the Director.

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25X1 4. [] Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and gave him a copy of the portion of the Agency briefing statement on Laos which was given to the Senate Appropriations Committee at our budget hearing last Friday. Mr. Blandford thanked me. He indicated in passing that there was relatively little interest displayed by members of the House in yesterday's session on the procurement bill, at least by comparison with other similar sessions on the floor. He feels the tempo will pick up in today's debates but at least at this time does not see any real difficulties in the House. The proposed amendment for termination of the war is about the only point of real excitement that they see at the moment. I briefed Mr. Blandford on the Soyuz 11/Salyut mission, a project launching, and Soviet hydrographic vessels.

25X1 5. [] Together with [] met with Mr. Richard Barton, Employee Benefits Subcommittee, and discussed the 53-page psychological assessment questionnaire that had been received by the Committee. It is the same one that was discussed when the Chairman met with the Director at Headquarters. Mr. Barton said that although he has not reviewed all of his material, he is certain he has all of the forms mentioned during the briefing of the Chairman and that he needed nothing further. Should further review indicate otherwise, he will call me. Mr. Barton also mentioned in passing that he talked to the Chairman this morning and suggested a meeting of the Subcommittee during the coming week to discuss the "Ervin bill." The Chairman did not set a date and indicated that he is not yet ready to proceed on the bill. 25X1

25X1 6. [] Suggested reply was left with Mrs. Rock, in the office of Representative Fletcher Thompson (R., Ga.). This was in response to a letter from a constituent who expressed concern to an article in the Emory Law School Journal which questioned the authority of the CIA to engage in alleged domestic intelligence activities. Mrs. Rock was very appreciative and stated she would prepare a reply along the lines suggested.

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7. [] Gwen Lewis, in the office of Senator Len Jordan, called to say that in view of the Senator's conversation yesterday with Mr. Gene Cowen, of the White House staff, there was no need for a meeting today to discuss certain Agency operations in Southeast Asia.

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8. [] Called Representative Morris K. Udall and offered to review with him the substance of the breakfast briefing we had given other members of the Hanley Subcommittee regarding our problems on the Ervin bill. Mr. Udall appreciated the offer and said he would like to get together possibly Wednesday, 23 June. He asked me to call him then to make a firm date.

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9. [] Mr. Gene Cowen, of the White House staff, called to say he had talked with Senator Len Jordan yesterday and there was no need for further action regarding Jordan's query re certain Agency activities in Southeast Asia.

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10. [] Called Representative Lawrence Hogan and said I would be glad to meet with him to summarize the briefing given the Hanley Subcommittee regarding our problems with the Ervin bill, which Mr. Hogan had been unable to attend. Mr. Hogan appreciated the offer but said he was "100% with us" and there was no need to waste time on a briefing in order to get his support. However, he said he was disappointed not to have visited Headquarters and I told him to call me whenever he had time to come out for breakfast or lunch.

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11. [] Mr. Davis, Administrative Assistant to Representative William Scott (R., Va.), called to say Mr. Scott wanted to know the Agency's views regarding the Badillo bill forbidding the Agency to engage in paramilitary operations. I told Davis that this bill dealt with authority given the Agency under the National Security Act of 1947 and was exercised only under the direction of the National Security Council. I said in such matters the Agency was merely a service organization carrying out direction of higher authority and, therefore, could take no position for or against the bill. I suggested the matter be referred to the White House which was best qualified to speak on such policy questions.

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3. [] C/FE, reported on a call he received from John Holdridge, of the White House staff. When the Administration contacted Senator Len B. Jordan (R., Idaho) to solicit his vote on the Hatfield/McGovern bill, the Senator expressed concern about alleged CIA incursions into China (and also about reports of Lao irregulars cutting off the ears of their adversaries). Since Senator Jordan appears to have predicated his response on the vote to a reply on these points, Holdridge has asked if we would be willing to straighten these matters out with the Senator tomorrow.

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4. [] Met with Mr. Philip Trimble, Consultant, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and delivered to him a letter of 14 June enclosing a statement concerning recent Soviet ICBM developments. After review, Mr. Trimble will attach the letter and enclosure to the inside rear cover of the transcript of the Director's briefing of the Committee of 29 March 1971.

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5. [] Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and discussed the Agency's proposed response to the Chairman concerning H.R. 3578. Mr. Blandford noted that this would be a chance, if we cared to avail ourselves of it, to put ourselves in writing that the Agency operates under the direction of the National Security Council and reports directly to the National Security Council and to the President. I thanked Mr. Blandford for the observation. I brought him up to date on a briefing of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Friday and our recent contacts with Senate and House members concerning the "Ervin bill." I briefed Mr. Blandford on the following items: Soviet "J" vehicle; the Salyut mission; a surface-to-surface missile support facility; North Vietnamese General Tuyen Huan; and Chinese Mao-class submarines.

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6. [] Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called to clear a proposed public statement for the record regarding the Director's testimony on Brazil before the Latin America Subcommittee on 5 May. Holt proposed that the public record simply reveal that the Director had appeared, but the substance of his testimony would be "completely deleted." I agreed.

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